towns water supply is effected through piped water supply and tubewells by obtaining loan from the L.I.C. in addition to state plan allocation.

Mass Rapid Transit System in Madras

518. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has recently written to the Minister of Railways for the Mass Rapid Transit System in Madras and Karur-Dindigul broad gauge railway line; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Budgetary allocation for 1990-91 for mass rapid transit system, Madras and Karur-Dindigul broad gauge railway line have been stepped up to Rs 14 crores and Rs 13 crores respectively.

Prices of Sugar

519. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: —

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what were the retail prices of sugar in the markets of Delhi, Kanpur, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras during the months of January to July 1989 and 1990, monthwise; and

(b) what according to the present projections would be the estimated retail prices of sugar during July-December, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) The details are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 16]

(b) During the coming months Government would ensure availability of free-sale sugar at reasonable prices in the open market, through adequate monthly free sale releases and other regulatory measures.

Fund for Rehabilitation of Gulf Returners

520. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in receipt of a scheme known as 'fund for the rehabilitation of gulf returners' with a corpus of Rs. 750 crores; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The State Government of Kerala had suggested setting up of a Welfare Fund to finance various support activities relating to migrant workers including resettlement of migrant workers after their permanent return from overseas employment.

(b) The State Government had been advised to consider setting up of machinery, as appropriate, in the State itself. The requisite financial support could also be considered by the Banks and financial institutions on merits keeping in view the technical feasibility and economic viability of the proposals.

पंजीकृत बेरोजगारों को रोजगार

521. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय:** क्या **श्रम** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार देश के विभिन्न रोजगार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत बेरोजगारों को रोजगार देने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठा रही है; और

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों से विभिन्न रोजगार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत ऐसे बेरोजगारों की संख्या कितनी